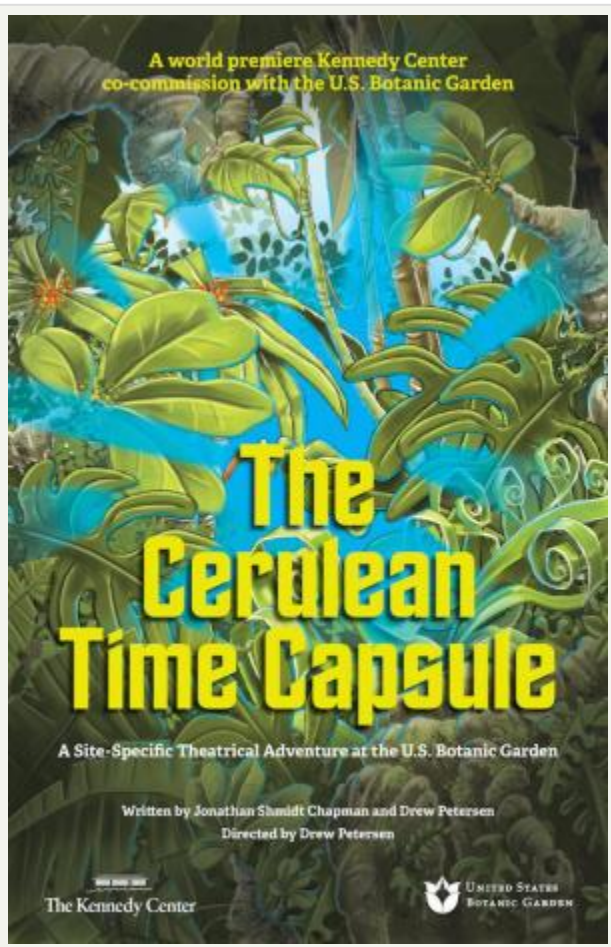


## Live theatre at the U.S. Botanic Garden

*Special USBG-Kennedy Center Collaboration*



The Kennedy Center and the United States Botanic Garden (USBG) are collaborating for the first time on two unique and inventive world premiere productions to be performed at the USBG in the fall of 2015. The USBG is a living museum filled with beautiful, inspiring (and sometimes mysterious) plants as well as engaging exhibits that highlight the value of plants to people. Both productions are part of the 2015-2016 Kennedy Center Theater for Young Audiences season and will be presented at the United States Botanic Garden. Most enjoyed by age 7+.

*A world premiere Kennedy Center co-commission with the U.S. Botanic Garden:*

### The Cerulean Time Capsule

**Created by Jonathan Shmidt Chapman and Drew Petersen from the Trusty Sidekick Theater Company**

**Directed by Drew Petersen**

Meet Benjamin Peale, a botanist who claims to be a time traveler from the year 2041. He needs your help to stop a critical discovery from happening in the U.S. Botanic Garden--one that will bring catastrophe and destruction to the world as we know it! Help him find the mythic "Cerulean Time Capsule" before it's too late. Be alert. Be vigilant. Time is of the essence if you want to change the course of the space-time continuum in the name of botanical security. Don't miss this immersive, interactive, and site-specific theatrical event that whisks small groups all around the Conservatory on a botanical adventure of a lifetime. Your future self is depending on you!

**Weekends: September 12-October 25, 2015**

**Performed Saturdays and Sundays inside the Conservatory at the U.S. Botanic Garden | FREE**

Times: 10:30am, 11am, 11:30am, 12pm, 2pm, 2:30pm, 3pm, 3:30pm, 4pm

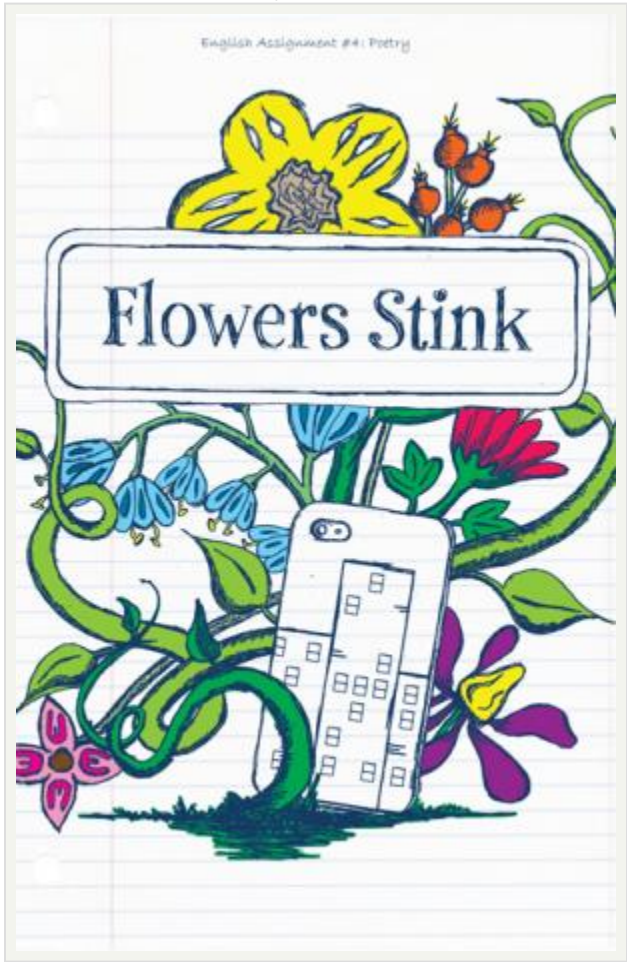
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to reserve a specific time slot.

Due to its small-group nature, this performance can accommodate up to 12 audience members at one time.

The play is a fast-moving tour through the Conservatory, but the 4pm show each day will be performed at a slower pace.

*A world premiere Kennedy Center musical co-commissioned with the U.S. Botanic Garden:*



## Flowers Stink

**Words and music by Debra Buonaccorsi and Stephen McWilliams**

**Directed by Gregg Henry**

When you live in a big city, a.k.a. "the concrete jungle," sometimes it's hard to appreciate the great outdoors. That's definitely the case with one middle school girl, who's struggling with writing a nature-themed poem for school. Giving up, she tweets: "#poetryisstupid #natureisborings #flowersstink." Suddenly, two zany and loveable plants magically come to life in her room, encouraging her to open her eyes, ears, and mind to the beauty all around her. Pointing to her own family history, the girl's newfound friends transport her imagination to the flora of a desert, a volcano, and a rain forest to help unleash her creativity. Mixing plenty of singing and dancing with folk, bluegrass, blues, and gospel, this colorful world premiere musical--by the Helen Hayes Award-winning creators of *Dizzy Miss Lizzie's Roadside Revue*--shows that, if you look closely enough, you can find the best of nature in the most unlikely places.

**Saturday, September 26, at 11 a.m. & 1 p.m.**

**Saturdays, October 3, 10, 17 & 24, 2015 at 11 a.m.**

**Performed outdoors on the Amphitheatre stage at the U.S. Botanic Garden | FREE**

Open seating available on a first-come, first-served basis. In case of inclement weather, please check the USBG website for performance updates on the day of the performance.

Saturday, October 17th's performance will have American Sign Language (ASL) interpretation.

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